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Your reputation as "One Happy Island" is at stake now

My wife and I, our many friends and acquaintances, hundreds of our associates and scores of national and international businesses have enjoyed our trips to Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles, and we love the local native citizens of Aruba, Curacao, St. Maarten and the other island areas.

But we do not like what has "happened" to American teenager Natalee Holloway; the apparent ineptness or downright negligence of Aruba law enforcement officials and Dutch authorities; the evident favoritism shown to the influential and privileged Dutch inhabitants by law enforcement, the prosecution and the judiciary of Aruba and Curacao; and the feeble attempts of some to divert and even obstruct the legitimate investigation of the disappearance of Natalee Holloway.

We Americans were very concerned when the three young men who admitted having Natalee with them in their car the night of her disappearance were not immediately detained and questioned by Aruba authorities and Dutch officials while Aruba Polis checked out those boys' "story" by simply viewing the videotapes recorded by the Holiday Inn security cameras and thoroughly examining the automobile in which the boys acknowledged that they transported Natalee. Instead, Aruba Polis willingly believed an influential Dutch judge-in-training's privileged Dutch son and his two Surinamese companions when they were told by the boys that Natalee was dropped off at the Holiday Inn where she was helped into the lobby by a black security guard. And the Aruba Polis released the three primary suspects in what is very probably the crime of murder, allowing those boys ten (10) days to

clean the car, cleanup any murder scene, get rid of any evidence and dispose of Natalee, alive or dead at the time.

We Americans and other well-informed citizens of the world know that the first few hours after an abduction are extremely critical if any investigation is to be successful in finding the missing person and/or apprehending those involved in the disappearance.

The probable reason the three boys were set free so quickly is evident by the statement of the man in charge of Aruba Polis at the time. Referring to Dutch judge-hopeful Paul van der Sloot and son Joran, Aruba's top Dutch cop lamented on television worldwide, "How can I do that to my best friend's son?"

We Americans noted with real interest when Aruba brought in a judge from Curacao to preside over the detainment hearings of the suspects on Aruba, and then we became very concerned when that Dutch judge from Curacao immediately ordered the release of Dutch judge-hopeful Paulus van der Sloot who reportedly worked with the judiciary on Curacao and "Tattoo" deejay Steve Croes who reportedly moved to Aruba from Curacao where his family is said to still reside. That is hardly proof of impartiality.

Curacao is where Amy Bradley of Virginia in the United States of America disappeared, and was encountered later in a Dutch brothel on Curacao, asking a Naval officer (who did not know at the time that Amy was missing) for his "help."

Even if privileged Dutch boy Joran van der Sloot did not deliberately kill Natalee Holloway, he very definitely knows all about the "something bad" that "happened to Natalee."

Since the discussion and formulation of the cover-up story reportedly took place "with the (van der Sloot) family" at the van der Sloot home with influential judge-hopeful Pappa Paulus presiding and advising his errant son Joran and Deepak Kalpoe and maybe Satish Kalpoe, secretive Paulus van der Sloot also knows exactly what the "something bad" is that "happened to Natalee," and Paulus is at the very least guilty of "complicity" and more than likely guilty of being an accessory after the fact or even driving whatever "bad happened to Natalee." Paulus van der Sloot admitted publicly on worldwide television that he participated in planning the cover-up and assisting in the obstruction of the investigation by giving Joran and the Kalpoe boys "legal advice," telling them not to talk, to not say anything. Paulus obviously prompted and very evidently contributed to the hiding or disposal of Natalee Holloway by telling those boys "no body...no crime." Paulus van der Sloot's confirmation of all of this is on videotape.

Paulus van der Sloot is also legally responsible for his 17-year-old evidently delinquent son Joran being allowed to illegally drink alcoholic beverages and illegally gamble with Pappa Paulus' full knowledge and apparent approval, especially since Paulus was reportedly seen and photographed with his juvenile son Joran while both father and son were



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Aruba's very future as an American tourist destination and your worldwide reputation as "the happy island" is at stake now, regardless of what you or anyone else may think.

Some of you on Aruba know what "happened to Natalee." It is time for you to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." It is unconscionable and totally unacceptable that Natalee Holloway's family not know what really "happened" to their daughter, that they never be able to have peaceful closure, and that those responsible for the "something

bad" that "happened to Natalee" not be held accountable.

I want to see this case resolved immediately, and Aruba once again looked upon as "the happy island."

Or my wife and I, our many friends and acquaintances, hundreds of our business associates, and scores of associated national and international businesses will never set foot on Aruba again.

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drinking and gambling. Pappa Paulus is apparently guilty of contributing to his son Joran's delinquency and at least some of Joran's very evident criminal activity. When one breaks the law, one is a criminal, plain and simple.

Joran van der Sloot has reportedly bragged to friends and acquaintances about his sexual conquests, allegedly often saying he used drugs to accomplish his "score" and reportedly taking part in "gangbangs," at least one of which was reportedly with a 14-year-old girl and videotaped. And one "girlfriend" of high school senior Joran was reported to be a 13-year-old 7th grade girl whose parents put an end to the two seeing each other when they discovered how intimate the couple had become.

All evidence points to Paulus van der Sloot's privileged Dutch son Joran being guilty of murder, deliberate or not.

If you citizens of Aruba want to maintain your position as an American vacation destination and beautiful Aruba's fun reputation as "the happy island," you had better make sure that your Aruba authorities and the Dutch officials solve the Natalee Holloway disappearance case satisfactorily.

And, if anyone on Aruba contributes to the ridiculous and futile attempts to divert everyone's attention away from where the responsibility actually lies for the "something bad" that "happened to Natalee" and contributes to the outrageous finger pointing towards very honorable and reputable Natalee Holloway; her family; the fine citizens of Mountain Brook, Alabama; and the United States of America...you will be undermining your own law enforcement officials, the prosecution, your government, yourselves and your island economy.